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ARKANSAS BROILER PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

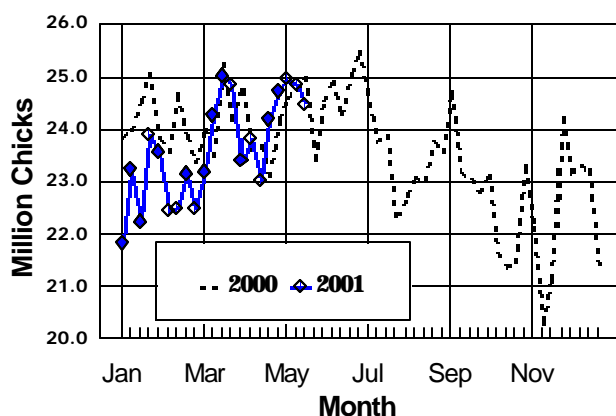
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in **Arkansas** was 24.5 million during the week ending May 26, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000 but 1 percent below the previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000, through May 26, 2001 were 496.2 million, 3 percent below a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

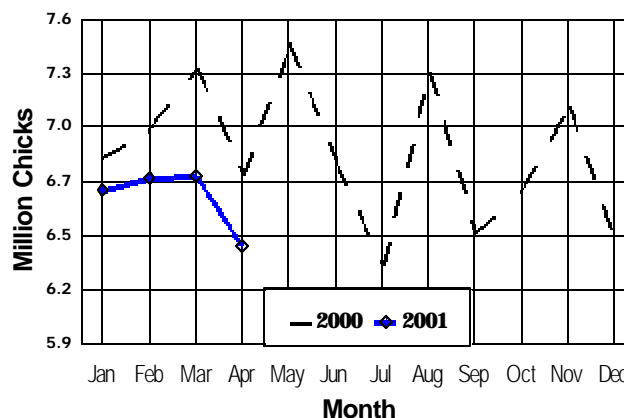
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 26, 2001, down slightly from the same period last year, but 1 percent above the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.4 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2001, down 5 percent from April 2000.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2000 - 2001



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Apr. 21	23,109	23,026	100
Apr. 28	24,879	24,197	97
May 5	24,666	24,730	100
May 12	24,716	24,972	101
May 19	25,155	24,859	99
May 26	24,103	24,501	102

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Nov.	6,984	7,105	102
Dec.	6,999	6,429	92
Jan.	6,861	6,685	97
Feb.	7,001	6,748	96
Mar.	7,310	6,752	92
Apr.	6,764	6,398	95

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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
STATE	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	05-May	12-May	19-May	26-May		21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	
Alabama	28,801 *	29,600	29,578 *	29,403	101	22,135	22,088	22,290	21,476	21,153 *	21,631	102
ARKANSAS	30,017	30,173	30,645	30,896	100	23,026	24,197	24,730	24,972	24,859	24,501	102
Delaware	3,588	3,680	3,652 *	3,680	83	5,155	4,717	4,190	5,032	4,428 *	3,859	86
Florida	2,376	2,400	2,399	2,392	83	2,395	2,458	2,411	2,362	2,390	2,195	97
Georgia	31,892 *	32,278	32,207	32,566	102	25,341	25,045	25,981	25,456 *	26,137 *	25,373	102
Maryland	8,769	8,960	8,532	8,864	106	4,874	5,783 *	5,559	5,702	6,315 *	6,583	103
Mississippi	18,744	19,089	19,140	19,236	102	15,331	15,671	15,690	14,837	15,145 *	15,545	100
N. Carolina	17,817 *	18,342	18,000	17,786	97	14,437	14,690	13,794	14,622	14,892	14,636	101
Pennsylvania	3,861	3,821	3,824	3,795	104	2,751	2,785	2,738	2,673	2,655	2,836	104
S. Carolina	4,968	5,087	5,023	4,974	101	3,909	4,464	3,878	4,411	3,967	4,242	107
Texas	15,289	15,290	15,307	15,303	112	11,461	11,970	11,917	11,943	12,181	12,131	102
Virginia	6,812	6,605	6,637	6,632	101	6,051	5,322	6,194	5,704	5,031	5,530	99
CA TN & W VA	11,484	11,586	11,583 *	11,435	98	10,282	10,340	10,060	10,797	9,874 *	10,508	96
Total 2000-2001	184,418 *	186,911	186,527 *	186,962		147,148	149,530 *	149,432	149,987 *	149,027 *	149,570	
Total 1999-2000	183,698	185,949	186,522	185,414		148,919	151,362	150,793	150,139	149,857	148,402	
% PREV. YEAR	100	101	100	101		99	99	99	100	99	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						09-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun	07-Jul	14-Jul	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	5,115	5,513	5,270 *	5,117	****	4,281	4,329	3,987	4,653	4,223 *	4,129	****
*Oklahoma	6,109	6,180	6,358	6,257	****	4,565	5,319	4,298	4,274	4,779	4,408	****
*LA & MO	9,444	9,444	9,300	9,389	****	9,143	8,843	9,075	8,951	8,491	8,731	****
19 StateTotal	205,086 *	208,048	207,455 *	207,725		165,137	168,021 *	166,792	167,865 *	166,520 *	166,838	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending May 26, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 26, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 26, 2001 were 3.08 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.